



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (5 Pages)**

### **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Well done to our Superstars Isla C and Arthur and our Handwriting Heroes Hamish, Lilly, Samson and Liam. Congratulations also to Jenny for receiving the Kindness Award; Charlie A for the Helping Hand Award and both Anna and Riley for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done also to our Maths Whizzes this week; Harry B, Isla W, Alex and Hollie. There were also two Sports stars given out today to Euan and Harry A for excellent participation at Sports Club on Monday-well done everyone!



In EYFS, Hugo H and Charlotte are the Superstars for 'Being Honest'. Billie received the Kindness Award and the Handwriting Heroes are Alice and Charlie H. Spencer is the Maths Whizz. Well done everyone!



### **SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE**



The School Council held their cake sale today to raise funds for the Dogs Trust who visited yesterday. Thank you so much to everyone who donated delicious homemade or shop bought cakes. We had a massive selection and there are even some left over for after school. There will be a table at the front door with an honesty box! Please help yourself! The current total is a magnificent £25.00.



### **THE DOGS TRUST**

We had a visit from Rachel who works for the Dogs Trust yesterday. She led an assembly for children in Reception to Year 4 followed by sessions with both Class 2 and 3. The children had a fantastic time learning about the Happy Dog Rules and how to interact with strange dogs when out and about. Rachel is an ex-teacher and was engaging and energetic and the children behaved beautifully. We are going to donate any proceeds from the cake sale to The Dogs Trust.

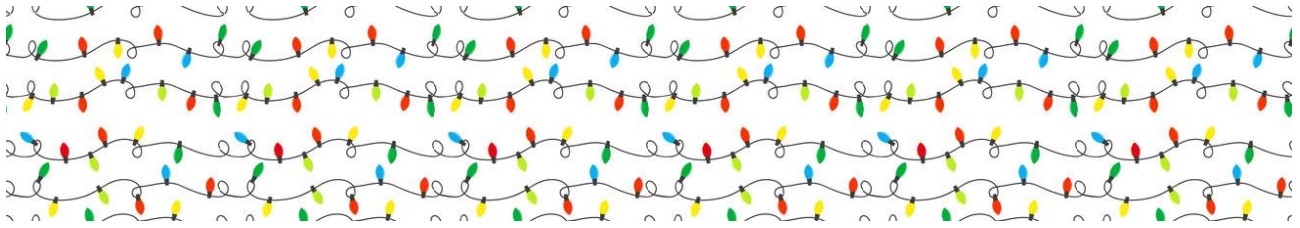


### **MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS**

We will be drawing a Christmas raffle after the last performance of "It's Chr-i-i-i-stmas!" on Tuesday 13th of December. Tickets will be on sale before both performances of "It's Chr-i-i-i-stmas" and outside the early years classroom at school drop off that day.

We are also looking for a few more donations for the Christmas show raffle, such as a Christmas cake or other gift like items. If donations could be given to either Alice Arkell or Fiona Kemp before the 12<sup>th</sup> of December that would be great.

Over the Christmas holidays we would love the children help us design a new logo for the Friends of Humshaugh First School. The winning entry will receive a prize and their logo will be used on all Friends' communications. The design should be simple and eye catching and show that the Friends of Humshaugh First School aims to help the school and provide fun experiences and opportunities for its pupils.



The sounds of Christmas are filling the air. The tree is up, the nativities are in full swing and it even snowed this week! See below for information regarding events that are happening in the next few weeks.

### **FESTIVE EVENTS INFORMATION**

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December-It's Chriiistmas!**

##### **Y1-4 performance at 9.15am and 2.15pm in the school hall**

All children have their costumes in school. Please ensure they have trainers (the more colourful the better) in school on **Monday and Tuesday** next week.

The Dress rehearsal on Monday morning will be videoed and our audience will be the EYFS children and staff.

We are not ticketing the event; however, we do have a capacity of about 70 audience members per performance. Please bear this in mind when inviting extended family and please try to just come to one performance rather than both so everyone can get a chance to watch.

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December-Wind in the Willows Y1-4**

We will watch the morning performance, eat our lunch and then take part in a craft workshop. We will return to school in time for home time.

Please provide a home packed lunch and water bottle, full school uniform and a coat.

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

##### **EYFS Wiggly Nativity-9.15am in the school hall**

#### **Christmas Lunch-Whole school**

Children should still wear school uniform on this day please.

#### **W/C 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER-NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (CHILDREN WILL STILL HAVE PE).**

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December-Festive Piano Recital** (Clair's pupils-performing to the whole school in the lunch hall)

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December-Christmas Party, Special Visitor and Party food lunch**

Children can come to school in their Festive party outfit (please ensure that shoes are practical for outdoor play and also ensure children bring a coat).

**NO SWIMMING**

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December-EYFS The Three Bears Theatre trip**

See EYFS email for information

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December- SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.30pm**

### **RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023**

The portal is now open on the NCC website for parents to apply for a Reception place for September 2023. The link is here: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



### **SPECIAL MENTION**

We would like to congratulate Mrs Blythe's son Morgan for receiving the 2022 'Young Sportsman of the Year Award' at the Sport Tynedale Awards on Thursday. Morgan is an incredibly talented Golfer who is looking forward to developing his already impressive skills when he travels to America next year to study.



### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **COMMUNICATION**

**For queries regarding Parent Pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast Club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.**

email: [admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

**Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson**

email: [melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

**Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe**

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**Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long**

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### **DIARY DATES**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Free film showing of 'Up' -Village Hall 2.00pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	Y1-4 Christmas performance 9.15am and 2.15pm-school hall
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December:	Y1-4 Christmas Theatre Trip 'Wind in the Willows' at The Queens Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December:	EYFS Wriggly Nativity 9.15am-school hall
	Christmas Lunch

W/C Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	<p>Last PE of this term</p> <p><b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM</b></p> <p>Festive Piano Recital (Clair's pupils)</p>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December:	<p>Christmas Party and Party food lunch</p> <p><b>NO SWIMMING</b></p>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December:	<p>EYFS Christmas Theatre Trip 'The Three Bears' at The Queens Hall</p> <p><b>Break up for Christmas at 12.30pm</b></p>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023:	<p>Spring 1 starts-PE and all After School Clubs resume</p> <p>Packed lunch (Newbrough Primary Teacher Day)</p>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January:	<p>Friends from the Village</p>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February:	<p>Y1-4 trip to The Sill-National Storytelling Week</p>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February:	<p>Last Day of Spring 1</p>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February:	<p>Teacher Day</p>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February:	<p>Spring 2 starts</p>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	<p>Last Day of Spring 2</p>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April:	<p>Summer 2 starts</p>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	<p>Bank Holiday (in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III)</p>